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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF CONGRESSMAN STEPHEN SOLARZ

REF: (A) STATE 67609, (B) EWING-DILLON AND EWING-DILLERY
TELCONS MARCH 17

1. UNTIL ADVISED OTHERWISE, ADDRESSEES SHOULD AVOID MENTIONING TO HOSTS PLANS FOR CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ' TRAVEL BETWEEN CYPRUS AND TURKEY. WE RECOGNIZE THAT USE OF ERCAN IS SENSITIVE ISSUE WITH GOC, AND WE ARE AT PRESENT EXPLORING OTHER OPTIONS.

2. FOR NICOSIA: YOU SHOULD SET UP APPOINTMENTS WITH BOTH GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOTS REQUESTED REF A WITHOUT WAITING FOR FURTHER WORD ON WHETHER SOLARZ WILL USE ERCAN OR NOT.

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SOLARZ TOLD MICHAELIDES MARCH 16 HE HOPED SEE HIM ON APRIL 3. SHOULD GOC OFFICIALS INQUIRE AS TO TO CONGRESSMAN'S ONWARD PLANS, YOU MAY INFORM THEM THAT HE INTENDS ALSO TO VISIT GREECE AND TURKEY BUT THAT HIS EXACT ITINERARY HAS NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED.

3. FOR ANKARA: AS ONE POSSIBILITY FOR CYPRUS-TURKEY TRAVEL,

WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHETHER ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE LOCALLY FOR SOLARZ TO USE MILITARY AIRCRAFT PRESENTLY BASED IN TURKEY--POSSIBLY JUSMMAT AIRCRAFT. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THERE MAY BE CLEARANCE PROBLEMS IN LARNACA-ANKARA ROUTING, BUT BELIEVE THAT USE OF AIRCRAFT ALREADY IN TURKEY REPRESENTS EASIEST SOLUTION. WOULD APPRECIATE RESPONSE SOONEST. WOULD ALSO WELCOME ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS FROM YOU OR OTHER ADDRESSEES ON HOW SOLARZ CAN TRAVEL CYPRUS TO ANKARA IN ORDER STICK WITH EXTREMELY TIGHT SCHEDULE.

4. SOLARZ HAS INFORMED US THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH ISRAELI AMBASSADOR TO TURKEY DURING STOP IN ANKARA. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR MAKING APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS.
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